

**RESOLUTION AMENDING STATE AUDITOR****QUALIFICATIONS**

2005 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Sponsor: Ross I. Romero**

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**LONG TITLE****General Description:**

This joint resolution of the Legislature proposes to amend the Utah Constitution to modify the qualifications of the state auditor.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution proposes to amend the Utah Constitution:

► to require the state auditor to be licensed in the state as a certified public accountant at the time of election.

**Special Clauses:**

This resolution directs the lieutenant governor to submit this proposal to voters.

This resolution provides a contingent effective date of January 1, 2007 for this proposal.

**Utah Constitution Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**ARTICLE VII, SECTION 3**

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*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, two-thirds of all members elected to each of the two houses voting in favor thereof:*

Section 1. It is proposed to amend Utah Constitution Article VII, Section 3, to read:

**Article VII, Section 3. [Qualifications of officers.]**

(1) To be eligible for the office of Governor or Lieutenant Governor a person shall be 30 years of age or older at the time of election.



(2) To be eligible for the office of Attorney General a person shall be 25 years of age or older, at the time of election, admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the State of Utah, and in good standing at the bar.

(3) To be eligible for the office of State Auditor [~~or State Treasurer~~] a person shall, at the time of election, be:

(a) 25 years of age or older [at the time of election.]; and

(b) licensed in the State as a certified public accountant.

(4) To be eligible for the office of State Treasurer a person shall be 25 years of age or older at the time of election.

~~[(4)]~~ (5) No person is eligible to any of the offices provided for in Section 1 unless at the time of election that person is a qualified voter and has been a resident citizen of the state for five years next preceding the election.

**Section 2. Submittal to voters.**

The lieutenant governor is directed to submit this proposed amendment to the voters of the state at the next regular general election in the manner provided by law.

**Section 3. Effective date.**

If the amendment proposed by this joint resolution is approved by a majority of those voting on it at the next regular general election, the amendment shall take effect on January 1, 2007.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
**as of 1-10-05 11:34 AM**

Based on a limited legal review, this legislation has not been determined to have a high probability of being held unconstitutional.

**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**

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**Fiscal Note**  
**Bill Number HJR007**

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**State Impact**

It is estimated that publication and distribution costs to put this resolution on the ballot will be \$11,500 from the General Fund.

	<u>FY 2006</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2007</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2006</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2007</u> <u>Revenue</u>
General Fund	\$0	\$11,500	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$11,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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**Individual and Business Impact**

No fiscal impact.

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**Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst**